

2018 Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rindge in the County of Cheshire, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified that the first session (deliberative) of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Rindge will be held at the Rindge Memorial School on School Street, in said Rindge on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with a snow date of Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Warrant Articles may be amended at this session per RSA 40:13, IV, with the exception of Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law and cannot be amended per RSA 40:13, IV-a. Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

You are further notified that the second session of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Rindge will be held at the Rindge Memorial School in said Rindge on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The polls will be open on said date at 7:00 a.m. in the forenoon and will not close until 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

Article 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Selectman	3 years,	1 Seat
Moderator	2 Years,	1 Seat
Planning Board	3 Years,	2 Seats
Budget Advisory Committee	3 Years,	2 Seats
Cemetery Trustee	3 Years,	1 Seat
Library Trustee	3 Years,	2 Seats
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Years,	1 Seat
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Years,	1 Seat
Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 Years,	2 Seats

Article 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of this Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To amend the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance by eliminating Article III. Section G.5 which currently reads "Property owners who offer for sale or transfer ownership of property located within 200' of a great pond must submit a copy of the "Site Assessment Study Report" for existing septic systems (as required by RSA 485-A:39) to the Board of Selectman or the Building & Fire Safety Inspector at the time of filing the report with Water Supply and Pollution Control Division."

Article 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption of this Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance and generally described as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To amend Article V (Residential-Agricultural District) Section A.1 (Uses Permitted) to read:

It shall be a district of farms, and single and two family dwellings only. Up to one Home-Based Business is permitted per residence only upon the granting of a Conditional Use Permit by the Planning Board when said Board is satisfied that the proposed use meets the requirements imposed by Article XII and the following specific provisions:

1. There is at least one resident employee of the business and no more than five (5) non-resident employees.
2. The home-based business will not adversely affect the property involved, or neighboring properties, by reason of any unusual light, noise, dust or odor.
3. The home-based business does not change the residential character or appearance of the home or any accessory buildings,
4. The home-based business does not occupy more than thirty-five (35%) of the gross building area of the home or any accessory buildings,
5. The home-based business has no more than sixteen (16) visitors or more than eight (8) deliveries to the home on an average daily basis,
6. The home-based business has exterior storage of materials related to the business that does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the gross building area of the home and any accessory buildings, provided that said exterior storage is located to the side or rear of the home and is screened from view beyond the property line.
7. There are no more than two passenger cars or other vehicles associated with the home-based business that are regularly parked on the property. Said vehicles shall not have more than six wheels.
8. All vehicle parking shall be accommodated off-street and on the residential driveway.

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Three Million Nine Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand and Six Hundred and Twenty Four (\$3,978,624) Dollars. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Nine Hundred Sixty One Thousand and Six Hundred and Eleven (\$3,961,611) Dollars, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Rindge or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement to purchase and equip a new Fire Engine to replace Engine 1 for the Fire Department in the amount of Four Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand and Seven Hundred Twenty Nine (\$467,729) Dollars, to be payable over a term of five years with annual payments in years two through five of approximately Ninety Nine Thousand (\$99,000) Dollars, and further to raise and appropriate up to the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand and Seventy Nine (\$104,079) Dollars for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 2 in favor, 4 opposed, One Abstention.)
(Majority vote required)

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand (\$18,000) Dollars to be added to the Wellington Road Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Account previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Majority vote required)

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand (\$28,000) Dollars to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Account previously established for the 2020 Revaluation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or by December 31, 2020, whichever is sooner.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed. (Majority vote required)

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a Freightliner M2 truck with plow, wing and radio to replace the 2006 GMC 2 ton, 4 wheel dump/plow and wing, and to authorize withdrawal of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars from the unassigned fund balance for this purpose, said amount to be offset by trading in the old truck for approximately \$6,000.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Utility vehicle, ¾ ton crew cab pick-up, to replace the current 2008 Dodge Fire Prevention vehicle, and authorize the withdrawal of Thirty Five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Account created for that purpose.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)(Majority vote required.)

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Three (\$15,723) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a Kubota zero-turn industrial mower to replace the old mower and to authorize withdrawal of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Three (\$15,723) Dollars from the unassigned fund balance for this purpose, said amount to be offset by trading in the old mower for approximately \$2,000.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Six Thousand (\$206, 000) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a three and one-half (3 1/2) yard bucket rubber tire Loader with attachments to replace the 1998 Cat Loader, and to authorize withdrawal of One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand (\$166, 000)) Dollars from the unassigned fund balance for this purpose and Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund, said amount to be offset by trading in the old loader for approximately \$30,000.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a generator for the Highway Department, said amount to

be offset by a FEMA grant or other grants, if awarded. If the grant is not received, the generator will not be purchased.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Majority vote required)

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to be added to the Rindge 250 Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of honoring the Town's 250th Anniversary, with this amount to come from taxation.

(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 1 in favor, 2 opposed. Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 2 in favor, 5 opposed.) (Majority vote required)

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Ingalls Memorial Library Trust Fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the Library and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) toward this purpose and name the Selectmen as the agents to expend the fund.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Majority vote required)

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Cemetery Trust Fund for the purpose of repairing, maintaining and expanding the Rindge Cemeteries and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) toward this purpose and name the Selectmen as the agents to expend the fund.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.) Majority vote required)

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand (\$14,000) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a 15 passenger mini-bus or similar vehicle with lettering and a radio for the Recreation Department with said funds to come from donations already received.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand (\$125,000) Dollars, Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars to be added to the Fire

Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established and One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2 in favor, 1 opposed.) Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 4 in favor, 3 opposed.)

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of Keno within the Town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed.)

Article 19:

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, all Veterans' Tax Credit, under which all veterans who are residents of Rindge, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the US, and were honorably discharged, or an officer honorably separated from service, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph, provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35, shall annually receive a \$500.00 veterans tax credit. (Submitted by Petition)

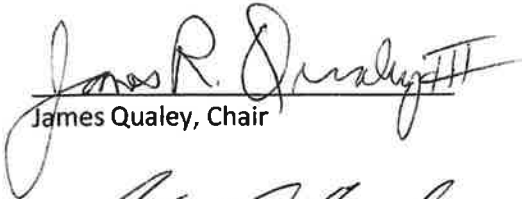
Article 20:

Shall the Town express its support to Governor Sununu for New Hampshire to join Massachusetts and Maine and study the feasibility of developing offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine? The Town will provide written notice urging Governor Sununu request the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to form an intergovernmental task force. A bipartisan NH legislative committee studied the potential for offshore wind in 2014 and recommended the establishment of this task force. Floating wind turbines located far offshore in federal waters and barely visible from land, combined with other renewable energy will move NH to 100% renewable energy by 2050. The building offshore wind farms will bring a significant number of jobs and revenue to New Hampshire. (Submitted by Petition)

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this ²⁶th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

RINDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN



James Qualey, Chair



Robert Hamilton, Vice Chair



Roberta Oeser

TOWN CLERK



Nancy Martin